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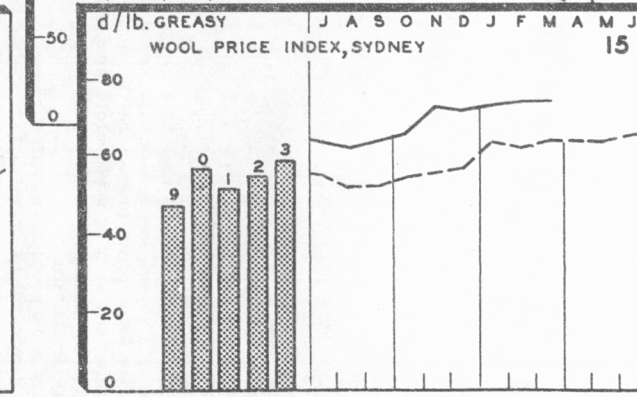
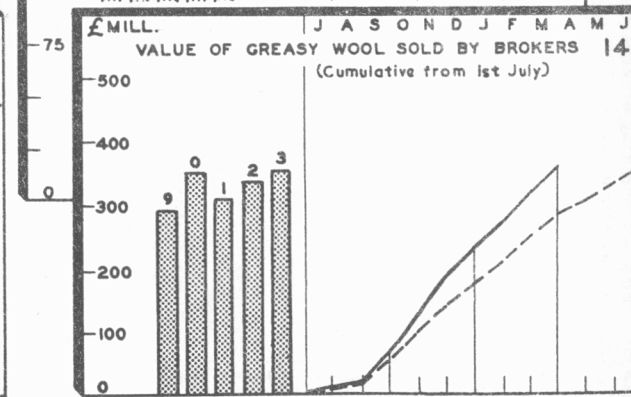
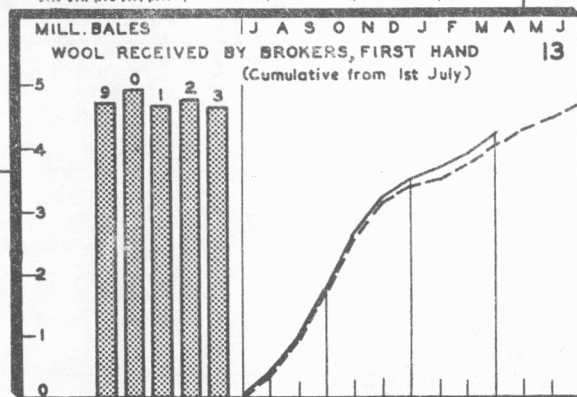
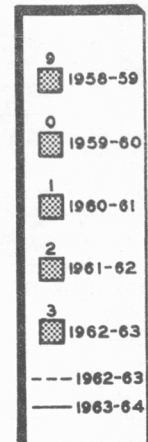
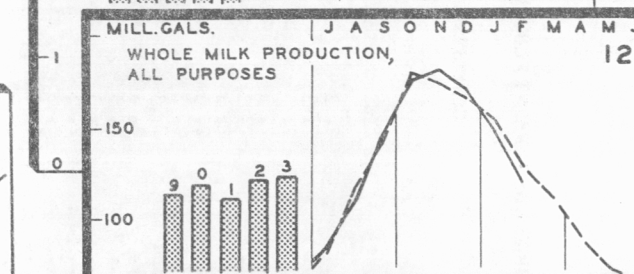
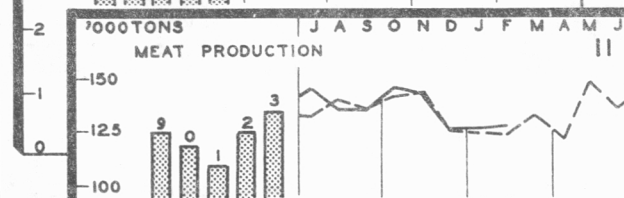
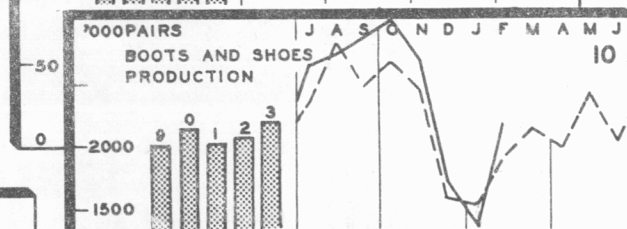
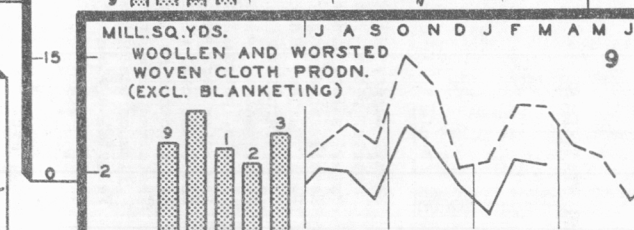
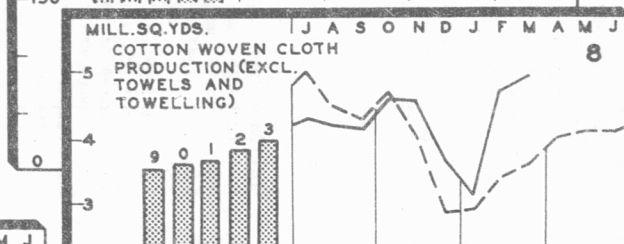
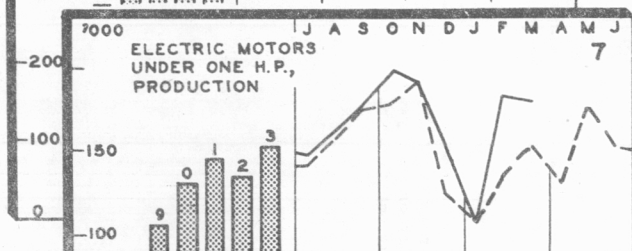
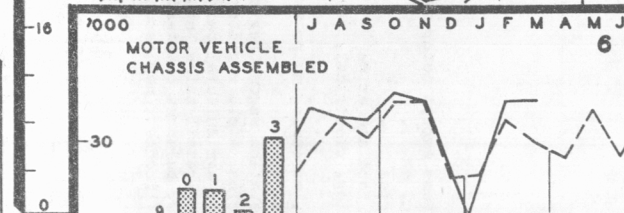
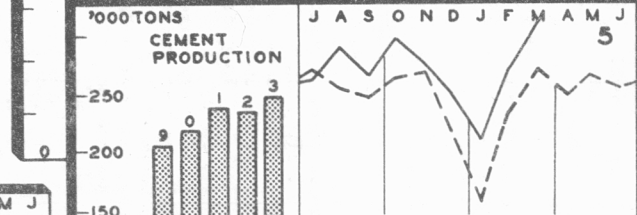
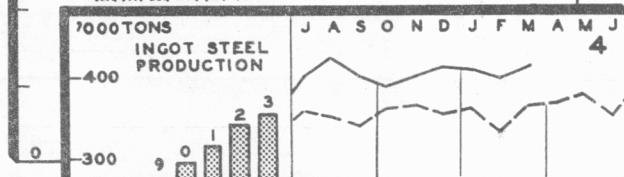
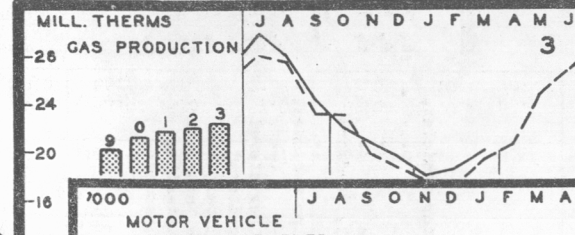
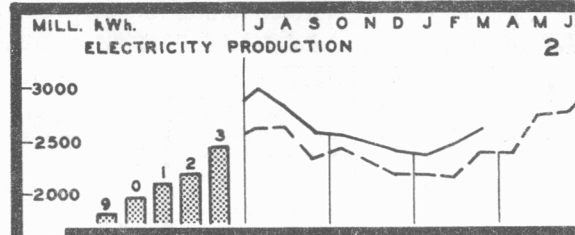
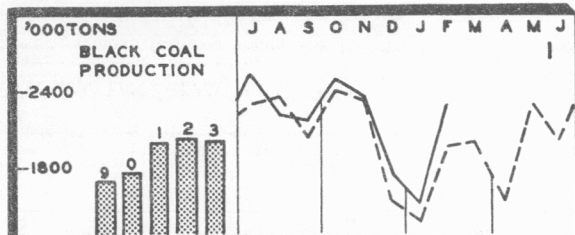
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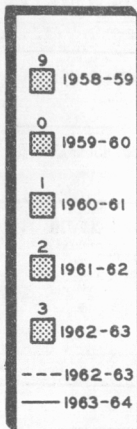
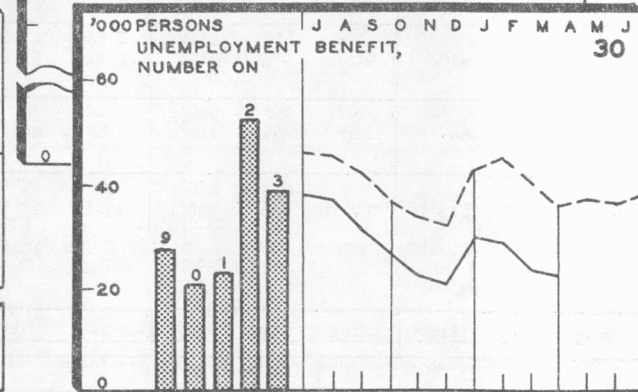
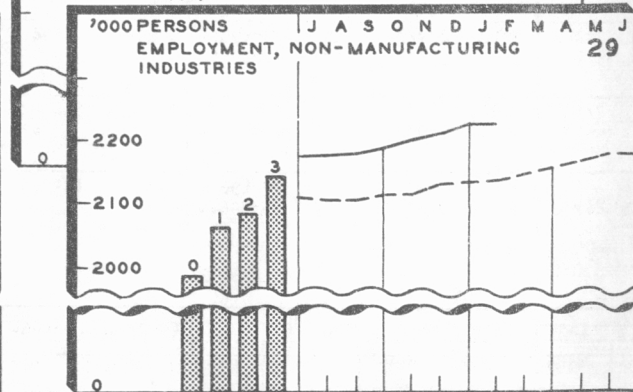
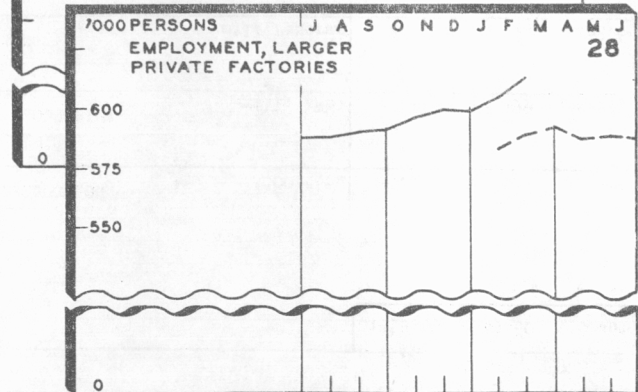
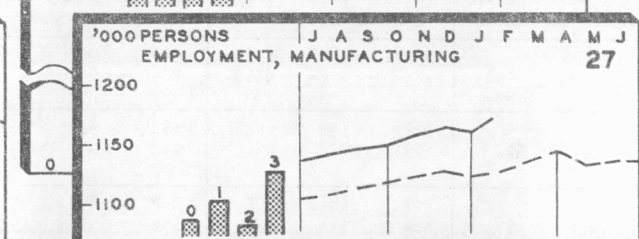
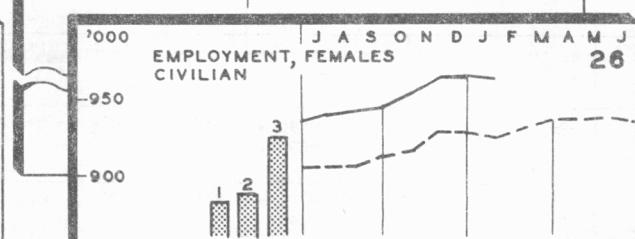
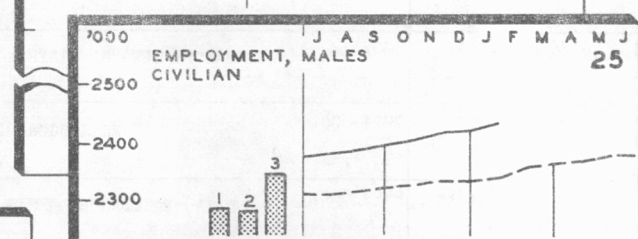
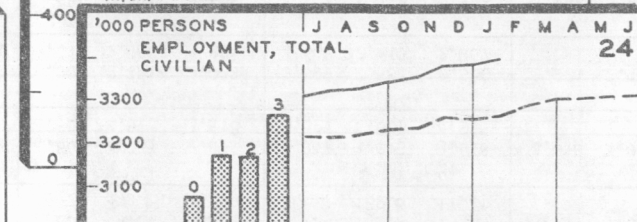
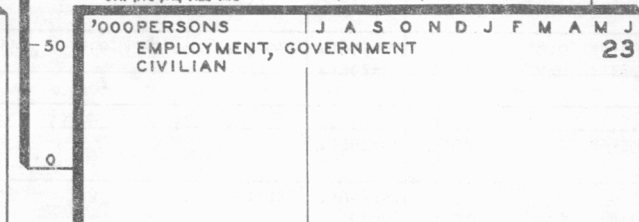
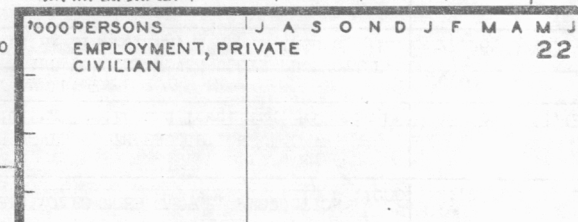
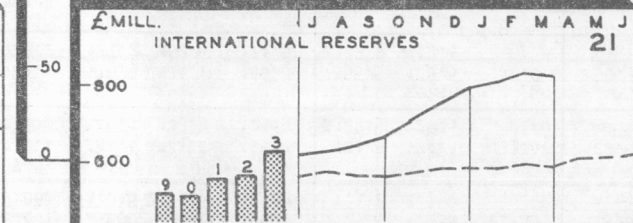
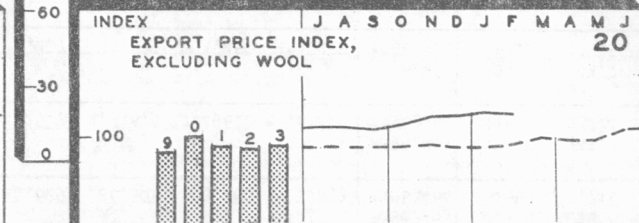
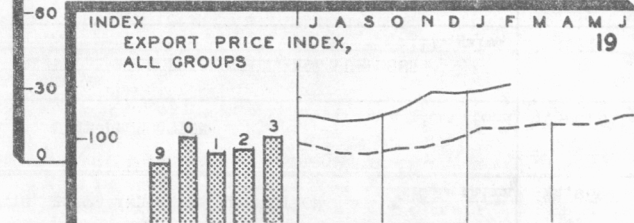
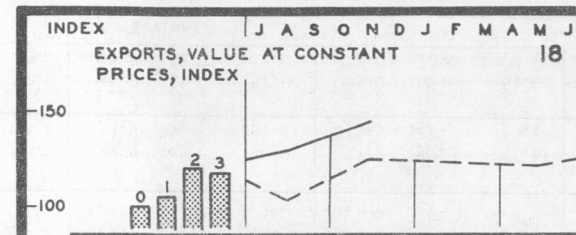
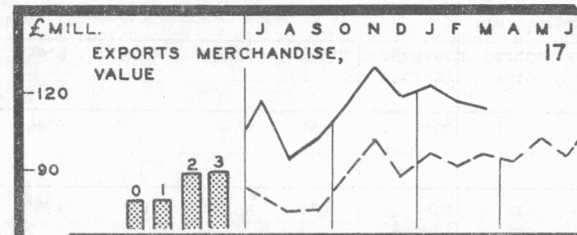
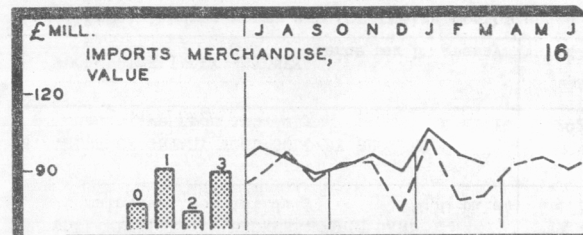
						1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63												
											July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
PRODUCTION																						
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	20,459	21,223	22,947	24,427	*24,301	*1962-63 *1963-64	2,321 2,551	2,394 2,240	2,058 2,109	2,412 2,509	2,325 2,358	1,557 1,775	1,364 1,537	1,976 2,309	2,018	1,547	2,290	2,039			
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh.	21,199	23,199	24,814	*26,276	*29,214	*1962-63 *1963-64	2,628 3,021	2,647 2,869	2,339 2,610	2,435 2,574	2,298 2,492	2,198 2,406	2,194 2,378	2,158 2,452	2,397 2,602	2,399	2,730	2,791			
3. GAS PRODUCTION	mill. therms	244.7	256.4	263.6	264.1	*268.2	*1962-63 *1963-64	28.4 30.0	27.7 28.2	23.2 24.8	23.3 22.4	19.9 21.1	18.8 19.2	17.6 17.7	17.1 18.5	19.5 20.2	20.9	24.8	27.0			
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION (a)	'000 tons	3,204	3,520	3,748	4,076	*4,265	*1962-63 *1963-64	359 401	354 426	340 398	361 386	365 402	355 409	361 407	331 397	363 414	369	379	352			
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	2,481	2,632	2,860	2,809	*2,945	*1962-63 *1963-64	269 263	254 291	248 265	262 296	268 276	216 251	158 211	232 267	273 311	245	265	255			
6. MOTOR VEHICLE CHASSIS ASSEMBLED	'000	241.1	292.9	292.7	256.1	*365.4	*1962-63 *1963-64	29.2 33.9	32.9 33.1	30.7 32.7	34.5 35.8	34.5 34.6	25.4 26.0	25.9 17.2	32.5 34.7	29.7 34.8	28.3	33.7	28.1			
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS UNDER ONE H.P., PRODUCTION	'000	1,271	1,583	1,751	1,618	*1,823	*1962-63 *1963-64	143.3 168.5	157.3 162.2	174.8 176.5	178.8 199.5	190.1 192.2	124.1 152.9	107.9 108.0	134.2 182.8	153.2 179.1	132.4	175.1	151.3			
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding Towels and Towelling)	'000 sq.yds.	42,286	43,124	43,695	*45,627	*47,577	*1962-63 *1963-64	5,020 4,312	4,510 4,210	4,310 4,151	4,666 4,605	4,035 4,577	2,891 3,618	2,917 3,121	3,419 4,683	3,616 4,925	4,018	4,084	4,091			
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding Blanketing)	'000 sq.yds.	27,265	30,235	26,466	24,991	*28,020	*1962-63 *1963-64	2,220 2,017	2,420 2,010	2,251 1,763	3,003 2,414	2,751 2,186	2,022 1,881	2,099 1,608	2,584 2,110	2,580 2,067	2,221	2,130	1,739			
10. BOOTS AND SHOES PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	24,062	25,629	24,307	25,460	*26,433	*1962-63 *1963-64	2,375 2,653	2,816 2,719	2,481 2,864	2,680 3,018	2,434 2,678	1,605 1,742	1,524 1,352	1,938 2,190	2,134	1,996	2,410	2,040			
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	1,500.6	1,425.7	1,314.5	1,498.2	*1,614.0	*1962-63 *1963-64	133.7 146.7	141.3 137.4	136.7 136.0	142.6 146.1	144.2 143.3	125.2 125.9	124.8 127.5	124.6 128.5	133.4	122.6	148.6	136.3			
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gals.	1,370	1,407	1,339	1,450	*1,480	*1962-63 *1963-64	81.6 83.2	114.7 111.5	141.1 143.2	178.3 177.2	174.1 180.6	166.8 171.5	155.5 147.9	128.5 117.9	110.0	90.3	72.6	66.8			
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND Cumulative from 1st July	'000 bales	4,735	4,926	4,715	4,798	4,693	1962-63 1963-64	348 349	923 944	1,718 1,765	2,565 2,651	3,155 3,262	3,383 3,546	3,513 3,700	3,720 3,940	4,009 4,293	4,292	4,510	4,693			
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS Cumulative from 1st July	£ mill.	292.7	356.1	311.4	335.9	357.5	1962-63 1963-64	10.2 12.0	22.5 25.9	58.2 71.6	99.5 133.9	145.8 190.7	178.9 233.7	211.2 273.3	250.3 322.1	287.6 359.6	301.6	332.0	357.5			
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY	pence per lb. greasy	47.5	56.3	51.5	54.1	58.4	1962-63 1963-64	55.0 64.0	52.0 62.0	52.0 63.0	54.0 66.0	55.0 72.0	57.0 71.0	63.0 72.0	62.0 73.0	63.0 73.0	63.0	63.0	65.0			

(a) Annual figures shown are for twelve months ended 31st May.

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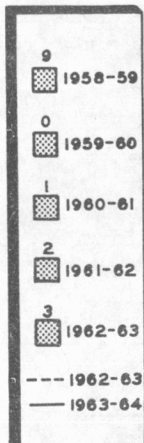
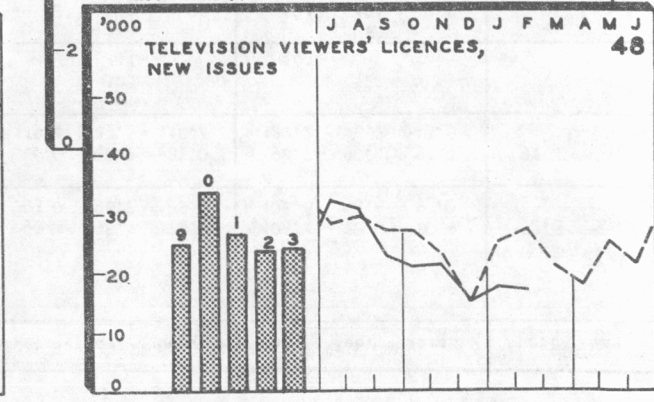
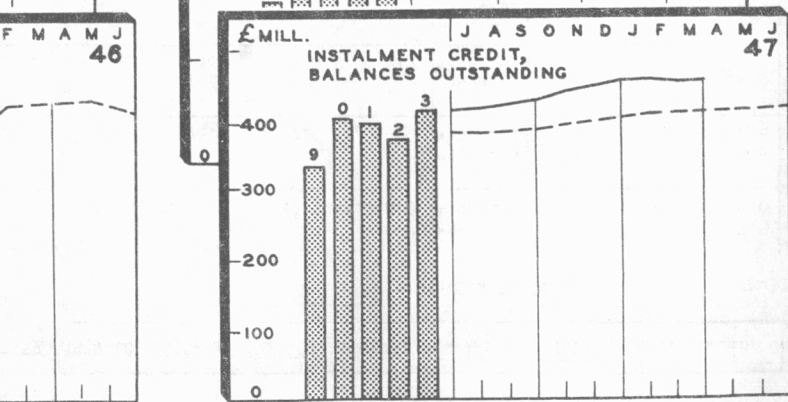
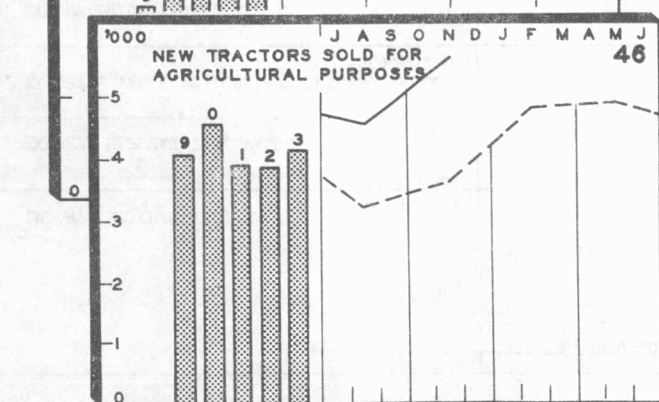
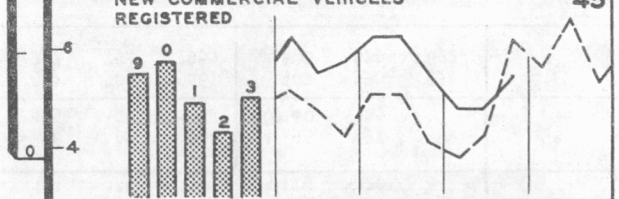
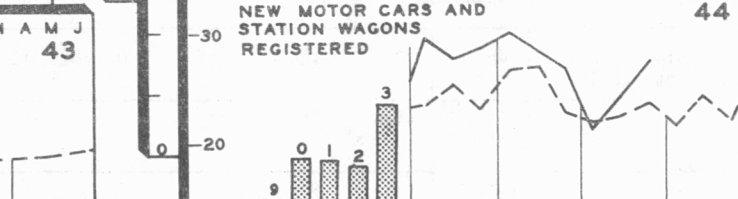
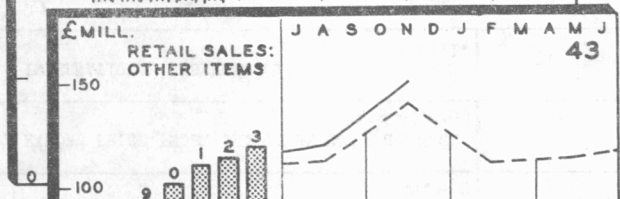
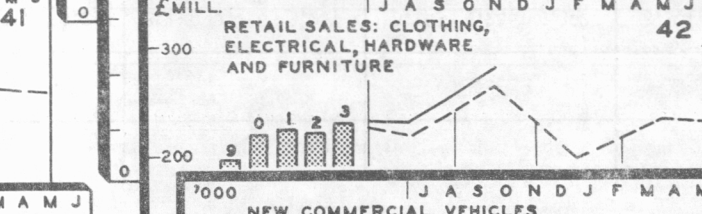
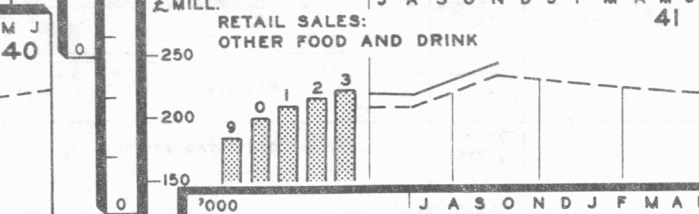
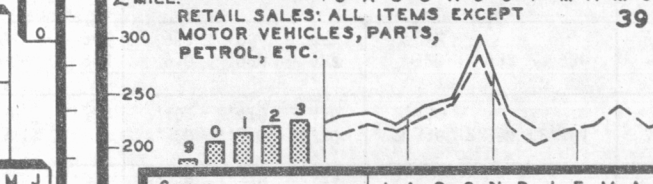
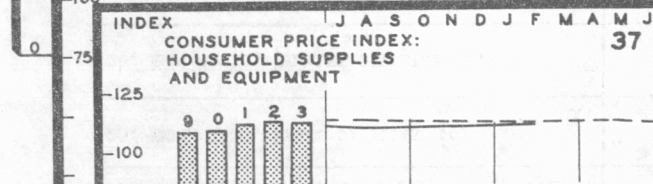
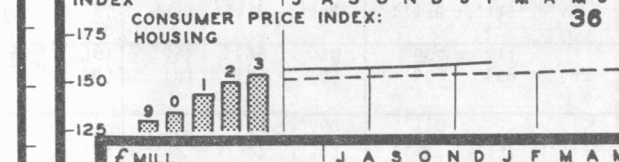
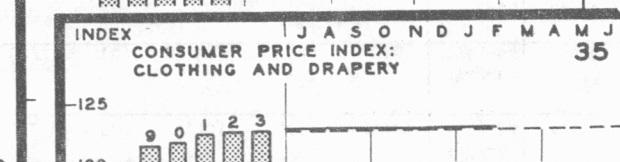
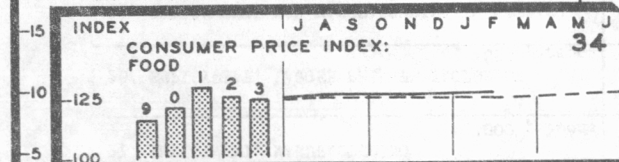
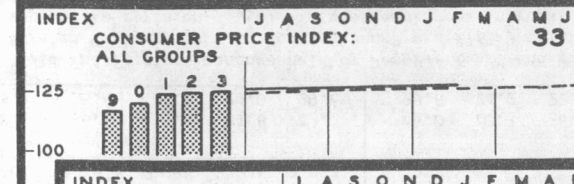
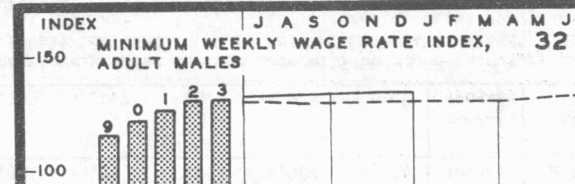
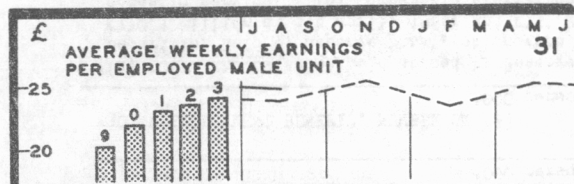


		1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
OVERSEA TRADE																			
16. IMPORTS MERCHANDISE, VALUE	£ mill.	794.4	923.8	1,085.3	882.5	*1,078.8	*1962-63 *1963-64	89.1 99.7	97.4 96.3	87.5 89.0	93.4 93.0	95.1 96.7	74.7 90.0	103.4 106.6	78.6 96.5	80.9 93.0	92.3	95.8	90.6
17. EXPORTS MERCHANDISE, VALUE	£ mill.	806.7	925.9	928.0	1,067.9	*1,069.0	*1962-63 *1963-64	79.7 116.7	73.5 95.1	73.9 102.6	86.0 115.4	102.2 129.3	87.0 118.4	94.7 122.2	90.4 116.7	95.7 113.5	91.4	101.2	93.3
18. EXPORTS, VALUE AT CONSTANT PRICES, INDEX 1959-60 = 100		/	100	105	120	117	1962-63 *1963-64		103 130			125 144			121			120	
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS 1959-60 = 100		90	100	95	96	*101	1962-63 *1963-64	97 109	94 107	94 108	96 111	97 118	98 117	104 ø119	104 120	105	105	105	*109
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING WOOL 1959-60 = 100		94	100	97	96	*97	1962-63 *1963-64	96 104	96 104	96 103	96 105	97 108	96 108	95 ø110	97 109	99	98	98	*103
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a)	£ mill.	516	512	551	561	626	1962-63 1963-64	575 634	566 645	560 667	571 707	586 754	586 795	587 808	598 829	591 822	612	615	626

EMPLOYMENT (b)																			
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Not yet available					1962-63 1963-64												
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN	'000 persons	Not yet available					1962-63 1963-64												
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	2,978	3,071	3,166	3,165	3,266	1962-63 1963-64	3,214 3,318	3,219 3,325	3,231 3,337	3,238 3,356	3,258 3,379	3,257 3,383	3,263 3,394	3,286	3,300	3,301	3,310	3,313
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	2,169	2,223	2,282	2,277	2,341	1962-63 1963-64	2,308 2,379	2,311 2,383	2,317 2,391	2,320 2,402	2,330 2,415	2,330 2,418	2,338 2,430	2,354	2,364	2,365	2,373	2,377
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	809	848	884	888	925	1962-63 1963-64	906 939	908 942	914 946	918 954	928 964	927 965	925 964	932	936	936	937	936
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING	'000 persons	1,042	1,088	1,103	1,081	1,127	1962-63 1963-64	1,108 1,142	1,112 1,145	1,117 1,150	1,123 1,158	1,127 1,164	1,123 1,160	1,127 1,170	1,137	1,143	1,135	1,136	1,138
28. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES	'000 persons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1962-63 1963-64	(d) 588	(d) 590	(d) 591	(d) 596	(d) 599	(d) 598	583 604	589 613	592	587	588	587
29. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (c)	'000 persons	1,936	1,983	2,063	2,084	2,139	1962-63 1963-64	2,106 2,176	2,107 2,180	2,114 2,187	2,115 2,198	2,132 2,215	2,134 2,223	2,136 2,224	2,149	2,157	2,166	2,174	2,175
30. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (e)	'000 persons	27.3	20.7	23.0	52.3	38.9	1962-63 1963-64	45.5 37.1	42.6 31.9	36.9 26.6	33.8 22.3	31.8 21.0	43.2 29.6	45.0 28.8	40.3 24.2	36.4 22.0	37.1	36.5	38.2

(a) "Gold and balances held abroad by Reserve Bank" previously shown in this note will be shown in future issues as "Gold and Foreign Exchange held by Reserve Bank" and will include "Overseas Securities held by Reserve Bank", which were not previously included in "Gold and Balances held abroad". "Gold and Foreign Exchange held by Reserve Bank" was £763.9 million at 1st April, 1964; £770.1 million at 8th April, 1964; and £771.2 million at 15th April, 1964. (b) Figures in Items 22-27 and 29 are subject to revision. (c) Excludes employees in rural industry and in private domestic service. (d) Comparable statistics not available. (e) Last Saturday of month. \* Preliminary. ø Revised. / Not available.



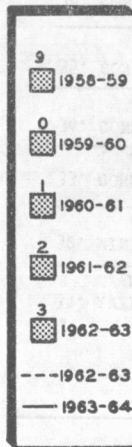
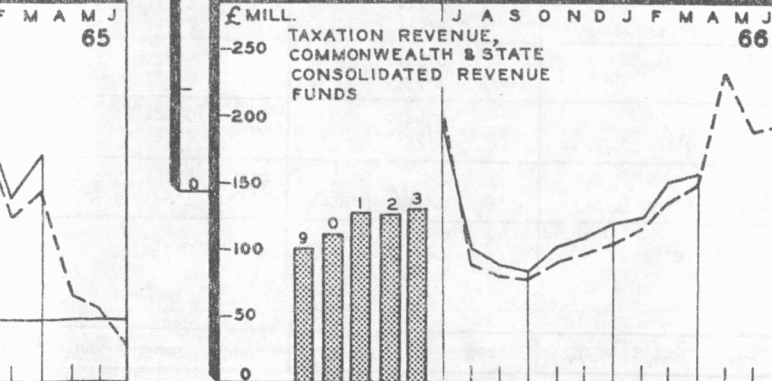
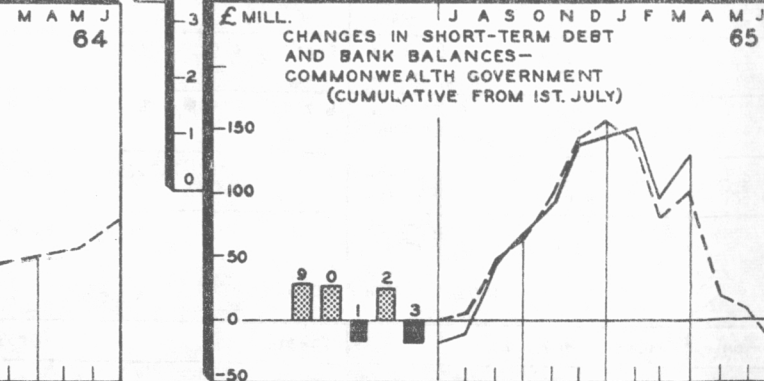
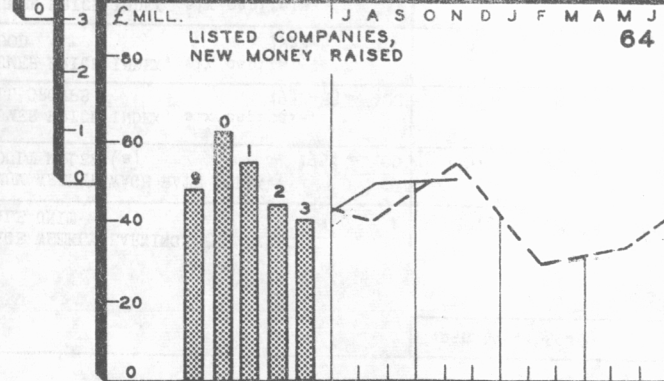
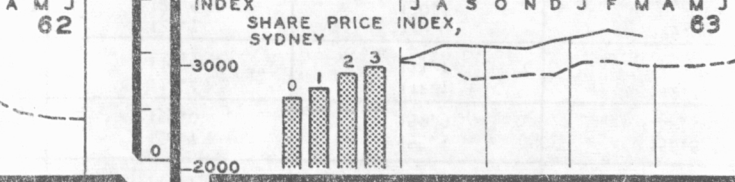
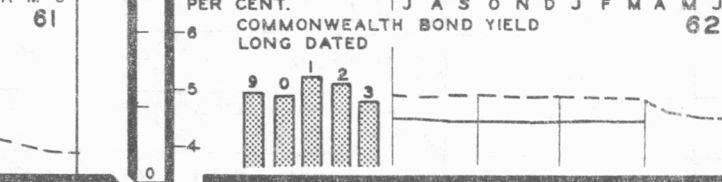
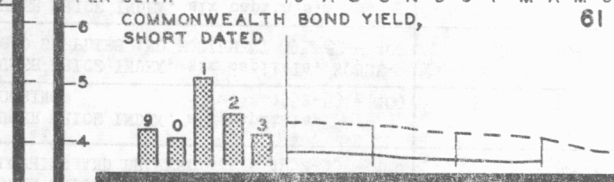
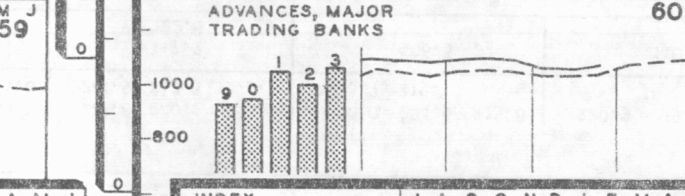
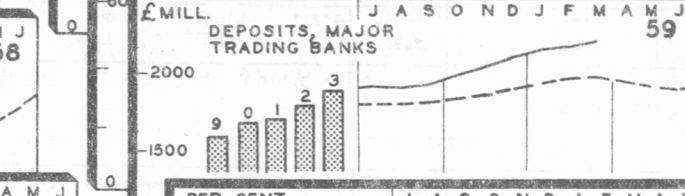
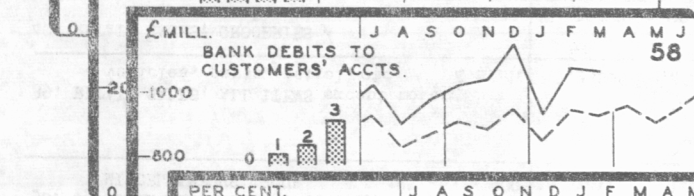
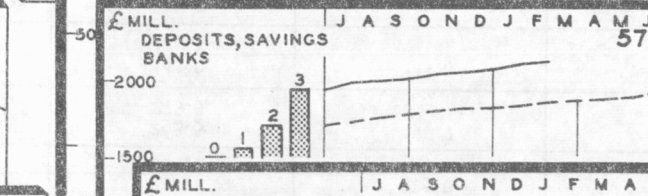
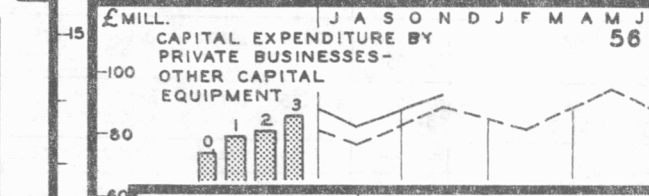
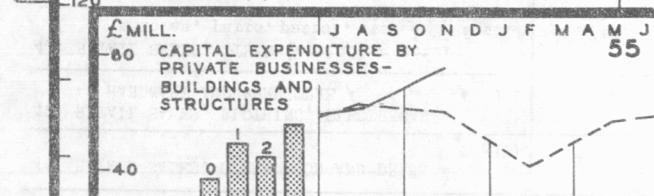
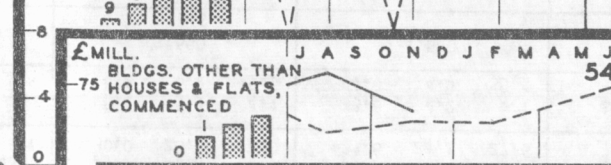
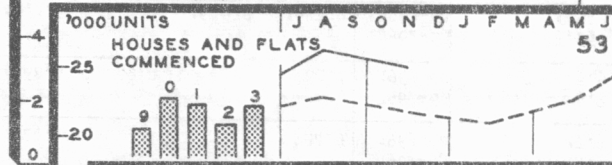
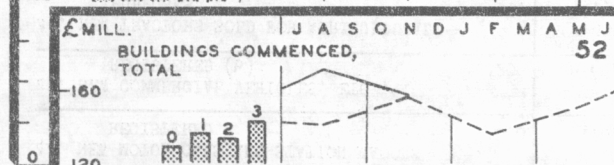
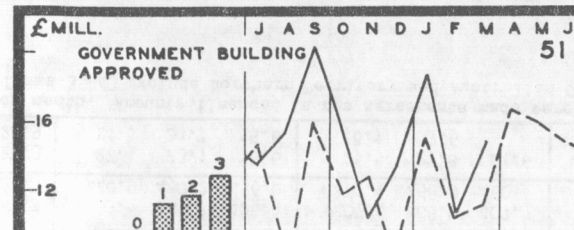
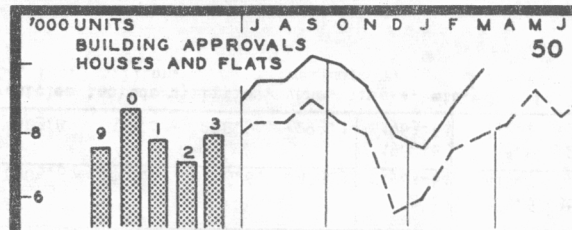
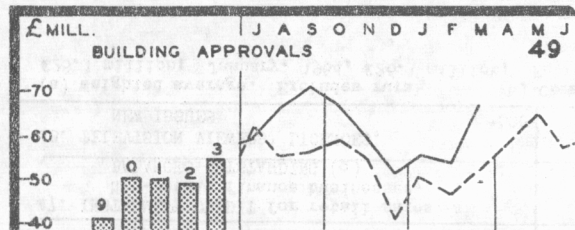


	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																		
31. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	£	20.34	21.93	22.98	23.62	24.23	1962-63 1963-64	23.77 24.65		25.10			23.20				24.83	
32. MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATE INDEX, ADULT MALES (a) 1954 = 100		115.3	121.3	125.7	129.5	130.1	1962-63 1963-64	129.6 132.2	129.5 132.4	129.5 132.5	129.6 132.6	129.7 132.7	129.8 132.8	129.8	129.9	129.9	130.8	131.5 131.8
33. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS 1952-53 = 100		116.0	118.9	123.8	124.3	124.5	1962-63 1963-64	124.3 125.1			124.4 125.0			124.5 125.8			124.9	
34. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD 1952-53 = 100		115.4	119.8	127.7	125.5	124.3	1962-63 1963-64	124.2 125.0			124.3 124.5			124.1 126.0			124.5	
35. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, CLOTHING AND DRAPERY 1952-53 = 100		108.2	109.4	111.6	112.8	113.2	1962-63 1963-64	113.0 113.7			113.2 113.7			113.2 113.8			113.4	
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING 1952-53 = 100		130.6	135.2	144.8	150.7	155.0	1962-63 1963-64	153.3 157.9			154.7 159.0			155.3 159.9			156.8	
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 1952-53 = 100		108.7	109.8	111.2	112.7	112.4	1962-63 1963-64	112.8 110.6			112.4 110.8			112.1 111.1			112.4	
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP 1952-53 = 100		121.2	123.9	127.3	128.1	128.8	1962-63 1963-64	128.4 129.7			128.7 129.5			129.0 130.1			129.2	

INTERNAL TRADE																		
39. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. / £ mill.		2,258.6	2,474.7	2,589.5	2,632.3	2,721.3	1962-63 1963-64	212.3 228.1	221.8 232.0	214.7 221.0	227.6 241.9	240.2 247.5	286.0 303.1	220.0 *233.7	204.8 *219.7	215.8	220.9	239.7 217.5
40. RETAIL SALES, GROCERIES / £ mill.		368.7	391.0	416.4	429.1	442.6	1962-63 1963-64		108.5 114.1			117.2 122.8			106.5		110.4	
41. RETAIL SALES, OTHER FOOD AND DRINK / £ mill.		734.7	792.2	834.4	851.2	883.9	1962-63 1963-64		208.7 216.4			232.1 240.1			225.0		218.1	
42. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, HARDWARE AND FURNITURE / £ mill.		780.3	878.3	893.8	889.3	914.5	1962-63 1963-64		218.5 230.4			263.5 279.9			197.7		234.8	
43. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. / £ mill.		374.9	413.2	444.9	462.7	480.3	1962-63 1963-64		113.1 120.2			141.0 149.7			111.4		114.8	
44. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED '000		176.3	224.1	223.1	215.9	284.9	1962-63 1963-64	23.7 29.7	25.6 27.9	23.3 28.6	26.6 30.0	27.1 28.5	22.8 27.0	21.9 21.6	22.4 24.4	23.6 27.6	21.6	24.3 22.0
45. NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, ETC., REGISTERED (b) '000		66.3	68.9	59.0	52.1	60.1	1962-63 1963-64	5.2 6.2	4.9 5.5	4.2 5.7	5.1 6.2	5.1 6.2	4.1 5.5	3.8 4.8	4.2 4.8	6.1 5.4	5.6	6.5 5.3
46. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES No.		16,342	18,425	15,719	15,632	16,719	1962-63 1963-64		3,251 4,598			3,650 5,616			4,888		4,930	
47. INSTALLMENT CREDIT for retail sales, Non-retail finance businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (c) £ mill.		337.6	405.6	400.0	376.6	413.3	1962-63 *1963-64	380.6 418.7	382.6 424.8	387.1 431.1	393.6 440.9	399.7 450.2	405.3 456.0	407.6 460.1	408.0 458.9	407.7 460	408.7	410.9 413.3
48. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES '000		300.0	403.8	323.2	288.5	293.1	1962-63 1963-64	28.8 32.4	29.9 31.0	27.3 22.9	27.4 21.5	23.1 21.7	15.6 15.8	25.5 18.1	27.8 17.6	21.6	18.4	25.6 22.1

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Commercial vehicles include utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (c) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: December, 1963, £28.1 million; January, 1964, £26.3 million; February, 1964, £24.3 million. \* Preliminary. / Revised. / Items 39-43 exclude Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.







		1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
BUILDING, ETC.																			
49. BUILDING APPROVALS	£ mill.	495.8	603.7	602.1	586.0	657.9	1962-63 1963-64	62.5 60.1	55.8 67.1	56.5 71.0	58.7 67.3	54.6 60.2	40.3 51.9	50.7 55.9	46.7 53.8	52.4 66.7	57.5	64.8	57.4
50. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	90.0	103.8	93.6	84.8	94.3	1962-63 1963-64	8.3 9.5	8.2 9.5	9.0 10.3	8.3 10.0	7.9 9.3	5.5 7.9	5.9 7.5	7.4 8.7	7.9 9.8	8.2	9.2	8.5
51. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	£ mill.	103.9	115.8	133.9	140.7	155.8	1962-63 1963-64	14.8 13.5	7.6 15.5	16.1 20.5	11.9 15.9	13.0 10.3	7.9 13.6	15.1 18.8	10.6 10.8	11.1 14.9	16.8	16.0	14.9
52. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL	£ mill.	432.4	523.9	552.0	543.8	575.5	1962-63 1963-64		142.8 172.1			142.1 158.1			139.6			151.0	
53. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED	'000 units	81.7	91.3	88.9	82.5	88.3	1962-63 1963-64		22.9 26.6			21.8 25.4			20.9			22.7	
54. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	£ mill.	177.6	231.3	252.8	263.7	269.5	1962-63 1963-64		64.0 78.0			67.0 68.4			66.7			71.8	
55. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures (a)	£ mill.	123.0	152.1	177.1	169.2	190.7	1962-63 1963-64		51.3 50.5	(106.0 anticipated) (118.0 anticipated)	50.1 57.5				40.6 (123.9 anticipated)	(105.9 anticipated)		48.7	
56. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment (a)	£ mill.	242.3	294.4	315.9	326.0	342.1	1962-63 1963-64		77.1 83.0	(168.6 anticipated) (178.1 anticipated)	88.8 92.2				81.9 (181.8 anticipated)	(161.9 anticipated)		94.3	
FINANCE																			
57. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS	£ mill.	1,391	1,523	1,578	1,735	1,970	1962-63 1963-64	1,756 2,004	1,789 2,024	1,807 2,043	1,836 2,080	1,851 2,096	1,853 2,113	1,864 2,130	1,882 2,151	1,888	1,896	1,920	1,970
58. BANK DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (b)	£ mill.	637	747	804	824	908	1962-63 1963-64	931 1,027	819 902	871 981	912 1,020	885 1,051	952 1,163	850 930	949 1,083	931 1,075	961	912	960
59. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	£ mill.	1,603	1,708	1,729	1,807	1,904	1962-63 1963-64	1,823 1,937	1,822 1,932	1,827 1,957	1,866 2,008	1,875 2,060	1,916 2,113	1,951 2,151	1,976 2,184	1,985 2,214	1,968	1,932	1,923
60. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	£ mill.	930	952	1,050	1,002	1,061	1962-63 1963-64	1,061 1,108	1,052 1,104	1,046 1,088	1,052 1,100	1,054 1,104	1,052 1,098	1,045 1,071	1,041 1,069	1,048 1,089	1,082	1,091	1,101
61. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED per cent.		4.16	4.01	5.06	4.45	4.08	1962-63 1963-64	4.30 3.75	4.26 3.73	4.25 3.68	4.20 3.66	4.14 3.66	4.12 3.64	4.11 3.64	4.09 3.61	4.04 3.63	3.88	3.78	3.75
62. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, LONG DATED per cent.		4.94	4.91	5.21	5.06	4.80	1962-63 1963-64	4.90 4.49	4.91 4.49	4.94 4.46	4.90 4.44	4.86 4.44	4.87 4.44	4.86 4.45	4.86 4.45	4.84 4.46	4.65	4.54	4.50
63 SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		1,966	2,718	2,787	2,949	2,988	1962-63 1963-64	3,030 3,104	3,011 3,220	2,907 3,222	2,908 3,173	2,952 3,170	2,948 3,254	3,035 3,333	3,056 3,358	3,000 3,328	2,992	3,004	3,020
64. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED	£ mill.	190.9	248.3	218.9	175.8	165.3	1962-63 1963-64		44.5 49.9			58.5 50.9			29.3			33.0	
65. CHANGES IN SHORT-TERM DEBT AND BANK BALANCES - COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT Cumulative from 1st July (d)	£ mill.	29.6	28.9	-15.8	27.0	-16.1	1962-63 1963-64	7.1 1.7	49.0 48.0	65.2 65.8	110.7 95.4	148.0 141.4	159.6 147.0	144.2 152.7	81.7 97.5	104.0 133.2	20.5	10.1	-16.1
66. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated Revenue Funds	£ mill.	1,225	1,360	1,543	1,539	*1,572	1962-63 1963-64	89.5 101.5	81.3 89.3	79.7 84.9	92.4 101.7	99.4 108.4	104.4 118.4	115.8 125.2	138.3 153.0	149.2 *157.1	233.8	191.6	196.2

(a) See notes, page 10. (b) Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at City Branches. (c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000. (d) New series. \* Preliminary. Ø Revised.

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

For further details of these items see publications listed on page 11.

Item	Publication Reference No. (Page 11).	Item	Publication Reference No. (Page 11).
1. .. .. .	19	33-38. Consumer Price Index : New index first published 12th August, 1960. For particulars of composition and weighting see Statistical Bulletin, 891.	5
2. Total generated, including electricity not for sale. ..	19	39-43. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from service repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.	8
3. Total produced in gas works. ..	19	44-45. Registrations passed through central registration authorities. Includes all government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services. ..	26, 27
4. Includes recovery from scrap. Annual figures year ended May. ..	19, 25	46. Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors.	7
5. Portland cement. ..	19, 21	47. Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges, insurance and retailers' subsidiaries.	28
6. Includes monoconstruction but excludes assembled chassis imported as such. ..	19, 20	48. .. .. .	16
7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products. ..	19, 22	49-50. Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units. ..	11
8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton. ..	19, 23	51. Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale. ..	11
9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool. ..	19, 24	52. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land. ..	3
10. Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sand shoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots. ..	15	53. Excludes conversions to flats. ..	3, 4
11. In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms ..	12	54. See 52 above. ..	3
12. .. .. .	-	55-56. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for each quarter and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than £250,000 in any half year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive.	2
13. Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale. ..	-	57. Deposits at end of period - all savings banks. ..	29, 30
14. The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold. ..	-	58. Monthly averages of weekly figures. Debits to government accounts at city branches are excluded. Figures relate to all cheque-paying banks, the Commonwealth Development Bank and the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank.	9
15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of greasy wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year. ..	17	59-60. Monthly and annual averages of weekly figures of the Major Trading Banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks).	9, 10
16-17. Excludes bullion and specie. F.o.b. port of shipment. ..	18	61-62. Theoretical 2 year and theoretical 15 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth Taxation less rebate of 2/- in the pound. Figures relate to last Wednesday in the month. Source : Reserve Bank. ..	16
18. The index is calculated by revaluing quantities at the average unit values for the year 1955-56. ..	1	63. Average of monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney. ..	16, 17
19-20. New index (see Statistical Bulletin S.B. 134 of 8th October, 1962). ..	14	64. Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issue of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies.	6
21. Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). Source: Reserve Bank. Annual and December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month. ..	-	65. .. .. .	16
22, 24-26. Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas. Based on returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. ..	13	66. Excludes taxation collections paid direct to Trust Fund, e.g. motor taxes. ..	-
23. Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees. ..	13		
27. .. .. .	13		
28. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service. ..	13		
29. See 22 above. ..	13		
30. Excludes persons receiving sickness or special benefits and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. ..	13		
31. Male units represent total male employment and a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. ..	31		
32. Based on averages of minimum wage rates for a full week's work (excluding overtime) obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average minimum weekly wage for Australia. ..	31		

(Other than annual publications of the Bureau of Census and Statistics)

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